

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please AMEND claims 1-15 and 17-23, CANCEL claims 16 and 24-26 and ADD claim 28 in accordance with the following:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An event invitation method, comprising ~~the steps of:~~
detecting an occurrence of an event or an unsold ticket in an event;
acquiring position information of customers ~~a customer~~ registered in advance; ~~judging whether or not~~
specifying a customer to whom an invitation to an event is to be sent, ~~among the~~
registered customers, ~~to a terminal of said customer~~ based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and ~~a site of the event~~; and
sending information concerning said invitation to said event to ~~said a terminal of said the~~
specified customer ~~if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said~~
~~customer.~~

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said ~~judging step~~ specifying comprises ~~a step of judging whether or not said another~~
customer exists in such an area ~~as to be able to~~ so that said other customer can attend said event based on said positional relationship between said customer and ~~said site of said event~~ and time of said event.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim 1, wherein said ~~judging step~~ specifying comprises ~~the steps of:~~
judging whether or not ~~said a~~ customer exists in an area from ~~said site of said event~~, said area being determined in accordance with a time up to one of start time and end time of said event; and
if it is judged that said customer exists in said area, further judging whether estimated time taken by said customer to reach said site of said event is within a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim ~~[[1]]~~3, wherein said ~~acquiring step~~, said ~~specifying judging step~~, and said ~~sending step~~ are repeatedly executed in accordance with a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event to narrow said area gradually as said time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event becomes shorter.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~a step of sending said terminal of said customer~~ information of a movement route to said site of said event ~~to said terminal of said customer~~ based on said position information of said customer and a position of ~~said site of~~ said event.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim 1, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

judging whether or not an entrance ticket can be assigned to a customer who has requested attendance in response to said invitation to said event; and

if it is judged that an entrance ticket can be assigned to at least said customer who has requested attendance, sending information concerning said entrance ticket to a terminal of said customer who has requested attendance.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The An~~ event invitation method ~~as set forth in claim 1,~~ further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

acquiring position information of a customer registered in advance;

judging whether or not an invitation to an event is to be sent to a terminal of said customer based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and a site of the event;

sending information concerning said invitation to said event to a terminal of said customer if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said customer;

receiving from a terminal of a customer, an attendance request for a plurality of persons, said attendance request including information of respective destinations to which information concerning an entrance ticket should be sent;

judging whether or not entrance tickets can be assigned to said plurality of persons for said attendance request; and

if it is judged that said entrance tickets can be assigned to at least said plurality of persons, sending said information concerning said entrance ticket to respective terminals of said plurality of persons according to said information of said respective destinations.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation method as set forth in claim 6, further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

receiving cancellation of a ticket from a customer; and
performing processing of refunding a corresponding amount of money to said customer who canceled said ticket in response to an issuance of a ticket corresponding to said canceled ticket to another customer.

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A program embedded on a medium for causing a computer to perform a processing for invitation to an event, said program comprising ~~the steps of~~:

detecting an occurrence of an event or an unsold ticket in an event;
acquiring position information of customers ~~a customer~~ registered in advance; ~~judging whether or not~~
specifying a customer to whom an invitation to said an event is to be sent, among the registered customers, ~~to a terminal of said customer~~ based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and ~~a site of the said event~~; and
sending information concerning said invitation to said event to ~~said a terminal of said the specified customer if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said customer.~~

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 9, wherein said ~~judging step specifying~~ comprises ~~a step of judging whether or not said a customer exists in such an area as to be able to that said customer can~~ attend said event based on said positional relationship between said customer and ~~said site of said event~~ and time of said event.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 9, wherein said ~~judging step specifying~~ comprises ~~the steps of~~:

judging whether or not ~~said a~~ customer exists in an area from ~~said site of said event~~, said area being determined in accordance with a time up to one of start time and end time of said event; and

if it is judged that said customer exists in said area, further judging whether estimated time taken by said customer to reach said site of said event is within a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim ~~[[9]]~~11, wherein said acquiring ~~step~~, said ~~specifying~~judging ~~step~~, and said sending ~~step~~ are repeatedly executed in accordance with a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event to narrow said area gradually as said time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event becomes shorter.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 9, further comprising ~~a step of sending said terminal of said customer~~ information of a movement route to said site of said event ~~to said terminal of said customer~~ based on said position information of said customer and a position of ~~said site of said event~~.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The program as set forth in claim 9, further comprising ~~the steps of:~~

judging whether or not an entrance ticket can be assigned to a customer who has requested attendance in response to said invitation to said event; and

if it is judged that an entrance ticket can be assigned to at least said customer who has requested attendance, sending information concerning said entrance ticket to a terminal of said customer who has requested attendance.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The A program embedded on a medium for causing a computer to perform a processing for invitation of an event as set forth in claim 9, said program further comprising the steps of:~~

acquiring position information of a customer registered in advance;

judging whether or not an invitation to an event is to be sent to a terminal of said customer based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and a site of the event;

sending information concerning said invitation to said event to said terminal of said customer if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said customer;

receiving from a terminal of a customer, an attendance request for a plurality of persons, said attendance request including information of respective destinations to which information concerning an entrance ticket should be sent;

judging whether or not entrance tickets can be assigned to said plurality of persons for said attendance request; and

if it is judged that said entrance tickets can be assigned to at least said plurality of persons, sending said information concerning said entrance ticket to respective terminals of said plurality of persons according to said information of said respective destinations.

16. (CANCELLED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An event invitation system, comprising:

detecting an occurrence of an event or an unsold ticket in an event;

means for acquiring position information of customers ~~a customer~~ registered in advance;

means for ~~judging whether or not~~ specifying a customer to whom an invitation to said an event is to be sent, among the registered customers, ~~to a terminal of said customer~~ based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and ~~a site of the~~ said event; and

means for sending information concerning said invitation to said event to ~~said a~~ terminal of ~~said the specified~~ customer ~~if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said customer.~~

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation system as set forth in claim 17, wherein said means for ~~judging specifying~~ comprises means for judging whether or not ~~said a~~ customer exists in such an area ~~as to be able to~~ that said customer can attend said event based on said positional relationship between said customer and ~~said site of~~ said event and time of said event.

19. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation system as set forth in claim 17, wherein said means for ~~judging specifying~~ comprises:

means for judging whether or not ~~said a~~ customer exists in an area from ~~said site of~~ said event, said area being determined in accordance with a time up to one of start time and end time of said event; and

means for judging whether estimated time taken by said customer to reach said site of said event is within a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event, if it is judged that said customer exists in said area.

20. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation system as set forth in claim ~~47~~ 19, wherein said means for acquiring, said means for judging, and said means for sending operates in accordance with a time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event to narrow said area gradually as said time up to one of said start time and said end time of said event becomes shorter.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The event invitation system as set forth in claim 17, further comprising means for sending said terminal of said customer information of a movement route to said site of said event ~~to said terminal of said customer~~ based on said position information of said customer and a position of ~~said site of said event~~.

22. (ORIGINAL) The event invitation system as set forth in claim 17, further comprising:
means for judging whether or not an entrance ticket can be assigned to a customer who has requested attendance in response to said invitation to said event; and
sending information concerning said entrance ticket to a terminal of said customer who has requested attendance, if it is judged that an entrance ticket can be assigned to at least said customer who has requested attendance.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) ~~The~~ An event invitation system ~~as set forth in claim 17,~~
~~further comprising:~~
means for acquiring position information of a customer registered in advance;
means for judging whether or not an invitation to an event is to be sent to a terminal of said customer based on at least a positional relationship between said customer and a site of the event;
means for sending information concerning said invitation to said event to said terminal of said customer if it is judged that said invitation to said event should be sent to said customer;
means for receiving from a terminal of a customer, an attendance request for a plurality of persons, said attendance request including information of respective destinations to which information concerning an entrance ticket should be sent;

means for judging whether or not entrance tickets can be assigned to said plurality of persons for said attendance request; and

sending said information concerning said entrance ticket to respective terminals of said plurality of persons according to said information of said respective destinations, if it is judged that said entrance tickets can be assigned to at least said plurality of persons.

24-27. (CANCELLED)

28. (NEW) A ticketing system, comprising:

a server determining whether a registered user can utilize a ticket for an event and when the registered user cannot utilize the ticket, determining another registered user to utilize the ticket in place of the registered user based on position information of the other registered user and location of the event;

a position detector transmitting the position information of the other registered user to the server; and

a terminal, viewable by the other registered user, receiving the ticket.